



CALIFORNIA STATE PERSONNEL BOARD MEETING

801 Capitol Mall Sacramento, California

<u>Public Session Location</u> – 801 Capitol Mall Sacramento, California, Room 150 Teleconference – 320 West 4th Street Los Angeles, California, Suite 620

<u>Closed Session Location</u> – 801 Capitol Mall Sacramento, California, Room 141 Teleconference – 320 West 4th Street Los Angeles, California Suite 620

SUMMARY MINUTES - MARCH 8, 2006

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PUBLIC SESSION OF THE STATE PERSONNEL BOARD

1. ROLL CALL

William Elkins, President Sean Harrigan, Vice President Maeley Tom, Member Anne Sheehan, Member

2. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER – Floyd D. Shimomura

- **A.** Rosario Marin was introduced as the new Secretary of the State and Consumer Services Agency.
- **B.** The SPB executive staff is continuing to work on restructuring its personnel and programs to bring them into alignment with its budget and funding sources.
- C. On March 10, 2006, the Executive Officer will travel to Japan for 10 days at the invitation of the Japanese Government. He will travel as part of a delegation of 15 individuals who will meet and confer with business and government leaders on current issues.

3. REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION (DPA) - DPA Representative(s)

Bill Avritt and Daryll Tsujihara gave brief reports on recent activities of the Department of Personnel Administration.

4. REPORT ON THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PERS) - Maeley Tom

Member Maeley Tom gave a brief report on recent activities of the Public Employees' Retirement System.

¹ The Minutes for the Board can be obtained at the following internet address: http://www.spb.ca.gov/calendar.htm

5. REPORT OF THE CHIEF COUNSEL - Elise Rose

Litgation:

<u>Connerly v. SPB</u> - Supreme Court has ruled that Real Parties in Interest are not "opposing parties" and thus cannot be assessed attorneys fees awarded under the "private attorneys general" theory of recovery. In this case, the state agencies have already paid the attorney's fees award in full, even though it was assessed against the real parties in interest as well.

<u>Plata v. Schwarzenegger</u> - The Office of the Attorney General has served SPB with the latest order in this case, setting forth a broad array of powers of the receiver appointed to oversee health care issues within the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. These powers include the ability to promote, transfer, and dismiss employees and provide for the waiver of state statutes and the constitution upon application to the judge.

<u>Shellcroft v.Corrections</u> - At a recent hearing, Judge Connelly asked parties to brief the issue of ostensible authority of a Skelly officer to settle a case in which he has no actual authority.

Other:

Whistleblower and Discovery regulations have been approved by the Office of Administrative Law and have been filed with the Secretary of State's office.

SPB Chief Counsel has attended meetings of the Attorney General's Office group of chief counsels as well as Agency's group of chief counsels.

6. NEW BUSINESS

NONE PRESENTED

7. REPORT ON LEGISLATION – Sherry Hicks

NONE PRESENTED

8. ORAL ARGUMENT

Oral argument in the matter of **RONALD FRANKLYN**, **CASE NO. 05-2105A**Appeal from 20 working days suspension. Officer. California Highway Patrol.

Persons Participating:

Brian Vaughan, Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice John Markey, Labor Representative, California Highway Patrol

ACTION: SUBMITTED

9. ORAL ARGUMENT

Oral argument in the matter of **ERNEST PITMAN, CASE NO. 05-1591A**Appeal from dismissal. Motor Vehicle Field Representative. Department of Motor Vehicles.

Persons Participating:

Kaye Krumenacker, Senior Staff Counsel, Department of Motor Vehicles Melinda Williams, Counsel, SEIU/CSEA

ACTION: SUBMITTED

CLOSED SESSION OF THE STATE PERSONNEL BOARD

10. EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENTS, DISCIPLINARY MATTERS, AND OTHER APPEALS

Deliberations to consider matter submitted at prior hearing. [Government Code Sections 11126(d), 18653.]

NO ACTION

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11. ORAL ARGUMENT

Oral argument in the matter of **RICHARD QUADRELLI, CASE NO. 05-1039A** Appeal from dismissal. Caltrans Maintenance Supervisor. Department of Transportation.

Persons Participating:

Christina Rojas, Counsel, Department of Transportation Kathleen Alvarado, Representative for Appellant

ACTION: SUBMITTED

CLOSED SESSION OF THE STATE PERSONNEL BOARD

12. EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENTS, DISCIPLINARY MATTERS, AND OTHER APPEALS

Deliberations to consider matter submitted at prior hearing. [Government Code Sections 11126(d), 18653.]

NO ACTION

13. DELIBERATION ON ADVERSE ACTIONS, DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINTS, AND OTHER PROPOSED DECISIONS SUBMITTED BY ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES

Deliberations on matters submitted at prior hearing; on proposed, rejected, remanded, and submitted decisions; petitions for rehearing; and other matters related to cases heard by administrative law judges of the State Personnel Board or by the Board itself. [Government Code Sections 11126 (d), and 18653 (2).] (See Action Taken on Page 13-14)

14. PENDING LITIGATION

Conference with legal counsel to confer with and receive advice regarding pending litigation when discussion in open session would be prejudicial. [Government Code sections 11126(e)(1) and 18653.]

State Personnel Board v. Department of Personnel Administration, California Supreme Court Case No. S119498.

Connerly v. State Personnel Board, California Supreme Court, Case No. S125502.

International Union of Operating Engineers v. State Personnel Board, Public Employment Relations Board (PERB) Case No. SA-CE-1295-S.

15. RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE LEGISLATURE

Deliberations on recommendations to the legislature. [Government Code section 18653.]

• AB 1875 (Daucher)

This bill would authorize a city or county to contract with private entities for landscape services on any segment of a state highway within the city or county. The Department of Transportation (Department), the entity that has overarching control of all state highways, which is currently authorized to enter into cooperative agreements with a city, county or other public entity for the performance of landscaping services, would be required to provide funds to the city or county for purposes of reimbursing the private entity contracted to perform highway landscape services, up to the amount the Department would have expended if it had performed the landscape services itself.

ACTION: NEUTRAL

AB 1897 (Dymally)

This bill would expand the remedies available to individuals who file discrimination complaints with the State Personnel Board by authorizing the State Personnel Board to award reasonable attorney's fees and costs.

ACTION: NEUTRAL

16. RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR

Deliberations on recommendations to the Governor. [Government Code section 18653.]

NO ACTION

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17. SELECTION ANALYST CERTIFICATE PRESENTATIONS

- Sue Williams, California State Personnel Board
- Floyd Shimomura, California State Personnel Board

Michelle Gomez Elena Apodaca Jacob Miller John Barlow Ricardo Gonzales Rona Murray Donna Barr Paula Graves Louise Norton Ronald Brent Maria Hernandez Dave Spring Matthew Velasquez Daniel Connor Marianne Hoke **ToShawne Williams** Terri Deane Rosie Jauregui Kristie Joyce **Cheryl Wolcott** Rosmaire Duffy Susan Gehrmann Maria Luna

18. INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING – PANDEMIC INFLUENZA

- Stephen Weyers, M.D., California State Personnel Board
- Cheryl Starling, R.N., Department of Health Services
- **Bill Avritt and Daryll Tsujihara, Department of Personnel Administration**The primary topic of discussion was on the Avian Flu Preparedness and Response.

19. INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING – STATE PERSONNEL BOARD EMPLOYEE SURVEY RESULTS

- Mary Fernandez, California State Personnel Board
- Floyd Shimomura, California State Personnel Board

A presentation was made on the overall findings of the State Personnel Board Employee Survey conducted by FranklinCovey in November 2005. This included a discussion of the areas of improvement and areas of strength as identified by the tool.

20. STATE PERSONNEL BOARD STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE UPDATE

Mary Fernandez, California State Personnel Board

An update was provided on the State Personnel Board's Strategic Objective regarding the "development of a program to hire college graduates and current student assistants." Staff has had initial discussions with CalEPA, CAPS, PECG, and some universities regarding the development of a pilot internship program. Staff shared the presentation made to the CalEPA Agency Executive Staff and agreed next steps.

21. COMPLIANCE WITH GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 19797

- California Student Aid Commission
- State Council on Developmental Disabilities

The California Student Aid Commission and the State Council on Developmental Disabilities submitted information regarding their respective compliance with Government Code section 19797 and were not required to appear before the Board.

22. DISCUSSION OF COMING BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE OF MARCH 21, 2006, IN SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

NONE

BOARD ACTIONS:

23. ADOPTION OF THE STATE PERSONNEL BOARD SUMMARY MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 7, 2006

ACTION: ADOPTED

VOTE: Elkins, Harrigan, Tom, Sheehan – Aye

24. EVIDENTIARY CASES

ACTION: See Case Listings on Page 11-15

25. RESOLUTION EXTENDING TIME UNDER GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 18671.1 EXTENSION - (See Minutes on Page 20-21)

ACTION: ADOPTED

VOTE: Elkins, Harrigan, Tom, Sheehan – Aye

26. NON-EVIDENTIARY CASES

ACTION: See Case Listings on Page 16-17

27. NON-HEARING CALENDAR

The following proposals were made to the State Personnel Board by either the Board staff or Department of Personnel Administration staff. It was anticipated that the Board would act on these proposals without a hearing.

On March 8, 2006, the following proposals were presented to the Board by Karen Coffee, Chief, Merit Employment and Technical Resources Division, California State Personnel Board.

ACTION: ADOPTED

VOTE: Elkins, Harrigan, Tom, Sheehan - Aye

A. Board items presented by State Personnel Board or Department of Personnel Administration to establish, revise or abolish classifications, alternate range criteria, etc.

CHIEF, FOOD AND DRUG BRANCH

The Department of Health Services proposes changes to the Minimum Qualifications for the classification Chief, Food and Drug Branch including: adding an additional promotional pattern; updating the class title in Pattern I; and adding standardized language to the specification.

B. ABOLISHMENT OF CLASSES THAT HAVE HAD NO INCUMBENTS FOR MORE THAN TWO YEARS. DEPARTMENTS THAT UTILIZE THE CLASS AS WELL AS THE APPROPRIATE UNION HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE ABOLISHMENT OF THESE CLASSES.

THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION AND STATE PERSONNEL BOARD proposes to abolish the following unused classifications, which have been vacant for more than twenty-four months. Departments that utilize the class as well as the appropriate union have no objection to the abolishment of these classes.

Class Code
5774
5773
5858
5862
5933
2050
5492

Title	Class Code
Financial Management Auditor III	4138
Financial Management Auditor II	4139
Lottery Retailer Services Specialist I	7359
Lottery Retailer Services Specialist II	7360
Supervising Housing Construction and	
Rehabilitation Specialist	4077

28. STAFF CALENDAR ITEMS FOR BOARD INFORMATION

LICENSING PROGRAM SERIES SPECIFICATION

The Department of Personnel Administration proposes to update the Education section of the Minimum Qualifications for the Licensing Program Series Specification, to reflect the proposed changes adopted on the March 8-9, 2005 Board Calendar.

ACTION: NOTED

29. CAREER EXECUTIVE ASSIGNMENT (CEA) CATEGORY ACTIVITY

This section of the Minutes served to inform interested individuals and departments of proposed and approved CEA position actions.

A. REQUESTS TO ESTABLISH NEW OR REVISE EXISTING CEA POSITIONS CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION

CHIEF OF COMMUNICATIONS

The Department of Developmental Services proposes to allocate the above position to the CEA category. The Chief of Communications screens major program and policy changes and developments for public policy and/or media implications.

B. EXECUTIVE OFFICER DECISIONS REGARDING REQUESTS TO ESTABLISH NEW OR REVISE EXISTING CEA POSITIONS

EXECUTIVE OFFICER, POLICY & REGULATORY AFFAIRS, CALIFORNIA ENERGY RESOURCES SCHEDULING DIVISION

The Department of Water Resources' proposal to allocate the above position to the CEA category has been disapproved effective February 14, 2006.

CHIEF DEPUTY DIRECTOR, ENTERPRISE TECHNOLOGY BRANCH

The Legislative Counsel Bureau's proposal to reallocate their existing CEA allocation has been approved effective January 25, 2006.

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DEPUTY DIRECTOR, ENTERPRISE ARCHITECTURE

The Legislative Counsel Bureau's proposal to allocate the above position to the CEA category has been approved effective January 30, 2006.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR, ENTERPRISE PROCESS CENTER

The Legislative Counsel Bureau's proposal to allocate the above position to the CEA category has been disapproved effective January 25, 2006.

ACTION: NOTED

30. EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENTS, DISCIPLINARY MATTERS, & OTHER APPEALS

Deliberations to consider matter submitted at prior hearing. [Government Code sections 11126(d), 18653.]

NO ACTION

31. WRITTEN STAFF REPORT FOR BOARD INFORMATION

NONE

32. PRESENTATION OF EMERGENCY ITEMS AS NECESSARY

NONE

33. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION IMPLEMENTING AB 124 (EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY) AS ONE OF THE BOARD'S HIGHEST PRIORITIES

ACTION: ADOPTED

VOTE: Elkins, Harrigan, Tom, Sheehan - Aye

34. BOARD ACTIONS ON SUBMITTED ITEMS

ACTION: See Minutes on Page 18-19

WHAT FOLLOWS IS A RECORD OF ACTION TAKEN ON AGENDA ITEMS 24–26 AS NOTED ABOVE.

24. EVIDENTIARY CASES

The Board Administrative Law Judges conduct evidentiary hearings in appeals that include, but are not limited to, adverse actions, medical terminations, demotions, discrimination, reasonable accommodations, and whistleblower complaints.

A. BOARD CASES SUBMITTED

These items have been taken under submission by the State Personnel Board at a prior meeting.

NONE

B. <u>CASES PENDING</u>

ORAL ARGUMENTS

These cases were on calendar to be argued at this meeting or to be considered by the Board in closed session based on written arguments submitted by the parties.

On March 8, 2006, the Board took the following action on the cases listed as presented by Elise Rose, Chief Counsel, California State Personnel Board.

(1) RONALD FRANKLYN, CASE NO. 05-2105A

Appeal from 20 working days suspension

Classification: Officer

Department: California Highway Patrol

ACTION: SUBMITTED

(2) ERNEST PITMAN, CASE NO. 05-1591A

Appeal from dismissal

Classification: Motor Vehicle Field Representative

Department: Department of Motor Vehicles

ACTION: SUBMITTED

(3) RICHARD QUADRELLI, CASE NO. 05-1039A

Appeal from dismissal

Classification: Caltrans Maintenance Supervisor Department: Department of Transportation

ACTION: SUBMITTED

C. CHIEF COUNSEL RESOLUTIONS

NONE

COURT REMANDS

These cases were remanded to the Board by the court for further Board action.

On March 8, 2006, the Board took the following action on the cases listed as presented by Elise Rose, Chief Counsel, California State Personnel Board.

VOTE: Elkins, Harrigan, Tom, Sheehan - Aye

(1) **GWENETTE BACKOVICH, CASE NO. 02-4145**

Appeal from dismissal Classification: Officer

Department: California Highway Patrol

Action: On remand from the superior court, the Board issued a non-precedential decision finding the sustained misconduct

sufficiently serious to warrant appellant's dismissal.

(2) JERALD ELLIOTT, CASE NO. 00-3394

Appeal from dismissal

Classification: Computing Consultant II **Department:** San Diego State University

Action: On remand from the superior court, the Board Issued a nonprecedential decision finding the sustained misconduct sufficiently serious to warrant appellant's dismissal on the grounds that his conduct constituted a violation of Education Code section 89535(b), professional conduct.

(3) GREG J. LATRONICA, CASE NO. 06-0233

Appeal from dismissal

Classification: Fire Captain

Department: Forestry and Fire Protection

Action: The Board issued a resolution remanding this matter to the Appeals Division for assignment to ALJ, directing the ALJ to determine first whether the appellant has established good cause for the Board to accept his late-filed appeal ad, if so, to conduct a hearing on the merits.

STIPULATIONS

NONE

D. ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S (ALJ) PROPOSED DECISIONS

PROPOSED DECISIONS

These were ALJ proposed decisions submitted to the Board for the first time.

On March 8, 2006, the Board took the following action on the cases listed as presented by Elise Rose, Chief Counsel, California State Personnel Board.

VOTE: Elkins, Harrigan, Tom, Sheehan - Aye

(1) STEVEN BARRIOS, CASE NO. 05-3507 & JAVIER PEREDA, CASE NO. 05-3599

Appeal from dismissals

Classification: Psychiatric Technician &

Psychiatric Technician Assistant

Department: Department of Developmental Services

Action: The Board adopted the ALJ's Proposed Decision revoking

the dismissals.

(2) CHRISTINA CLARK, CASE NO. 05-2718

Appeal from ten working day's suspension Classification: Psychiatric Technician

Department: Department of Developmental Services **Action:** The Board adopted the ALJ's Proposed Decision sustaining the suspension. Member Harrigan dissented.

(3) DAREN L. FLOYD, CASE NO. 04-3003

Appeal from dismissal

Classification: Motor Vehicle Field Representative

Department: Department of Motor Vehicles

Action: The Board adopted the ALJ's Proposed Decision

sustaining the dismissal.

(4) MARIA LOZANO, CASE NO. 05-1567

Appeal from demotion and reassignment

Classification: Plant Quarantine Supervisor I

Department: Department of Food and Agriculture

Action: The Board adopted the ALJ's Proposed Decision revoking

the demotion and reassignment.

(5) RACHEL ROBLEDO, CASE NO. 05-4524

Appeal from 30 working days suspension

Classification: Social Worker II

Department: Department of Social and Employment Services,

County of Monterey

Action: The Board adopted the ALJ's Proposed Decision

dismissing the appeal for lack of jurisdiction.

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(6) FRANKLIN TUCKER, CASE NO. 05-1586

Appeal from ten percent reduction in salary for 24 months

Classification: Parole Agent I, Adult Parole

Department: Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation **Action:** The Board adopted the ALJ's Proposed Decision modifying the ten percent reduction in salary for 24 months to a ten percent reduction in salary for six months. Member Sheehan dissented.

(7) ZHI-XUE XU, CASE NO. 05-1038

Appeal from 20 working days' suspension

Classification: Information Technology Consultant (Expert)

Department: San Jose State University, San Jose

Action: The Board adopted the ALJ's Proposed Decision

sustaining the suspension.

Proposed Decisions Taken Under Submission At Prior Meeting

NONE

PROPOSED DECISIONS AFTER BOARD REMAND

NONE

PROPOSED DECISIONS AFTER SPB ARBITRATION

NONE

E. PETITIONS FOR REHEARING

ALJ PROPOSED DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD

The Board voted to grant or deny a petition for rehearing filed by one or both parties, regarding a case already decided by the Board.

On March 8, 2006, the Board took the following action on the cases listed as presented by Elise Rose, Chief Counsel, California State Personnel Board.

VOTE: Elkins, Harrigan, Tom, Sheehan – Aye

(1) PRECILLA CALAUNAN, CASE NO. 05-1737RP

Appeal from dismissal

Classification: Psychiatric Technician Assistant **Department:** Department of Developmental Services

Action: Petition for rehearing granted.

(2) RAYMOND SELDGE, CASE NO. 04-2809P

Appeal from dismissal

Classification: Youth Correctional Counselor **Department:** Department of the Youth Authority

Action: Petition for rehearing granted.

(3) **JAMES STEED, CASE NO. 05-0207P**

Appeal from constructive medical suspension

Classification: Facility Captain

Department: Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

Action: Petition for rehearing granted.

WHISTLEBLOWER NOTICE OF FINDINGS

NONE

F. PENDING BOARD REVIEW

These cases were pending preparation of transcripts, briefs, or the setting of oral argument before the Board.

(1) ALEJANDRO GILL, CASE NO. 05-0054RA

Appeal from dismissal

Classification: Correctional Officer

Department: Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

Proposed decision rejected January 6, 2006

Pending transcript

NO ACTION

(2) **RICK OCHOA, CASE NO. 04-2373B**

Appeal for determination of back salary, benefits and interest

Classification: Youth Correctional Officer

Department: Department of the Youth Authority

Proposed decision rejected January 24, 2006

Pending transcript

NO ACTION

(3) EDUARDO PEREZ, CASE NO. 05-0763A

Appeal from five percent reduction in salary for six months

Classification: Parole Agent I (Adult Parole)

Department: Department of Corrections

Oral argument scheduled for February 7-8, 2006 continued

NO ACTION

26. NON-EVIDENTIARY CASES

A. <u>WITHHOLD APPEALS</u>

Cases heard by a Staff Hearing Officer, a managerial staff member of the State Personnel Board or investigated by Appeals Division staff.

<u>WITHHOLD FROM CERTIFICATION</u> CASES HEARD BY A STAFF HEARING OFFICER

NONE

WITHHOLD FROM CERTIFICATION CASES NOT HEARD BY A STAFF HEARING OFFICER

On March 8, 2006, the Board adopted as indicated below the following items presented by Karen Coffee, Chief, Merit Employment and Technical Resources Division, California State Personnel Board.

VOTE: Elkins, Harrigan, Tom, Sheehan - Aye

(1) KARIM OLIMAN, CASE NO. 05-0277

Classification: Correctional Officer

Department: California Department of Corrections and

Rehabilitation

Issue: Suitability; furnished inaccurate and omitted pertinent

information during selection process

ACTION: DENIED

(2) DAMIEN SANTINI, CASE NO. 05-0283

Classification: Correctional Officer

Department: California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation **Issue:** Provided inaccurate information

ACTION: DENIED

B. <u>MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SCREENING APPEALS</u>

NONE

C. EXAMINATION APPEALS MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS MERIT ISSUE COMPLAINTS

NONE

D. RULE 211 APPEALS
RULE 212 OUT OF CLASS APPEALS
VOIDED APPOINTMENT APPEALS

NONE

E. <u>REQUEST TO FILE CHARGES CASES</u>

NONE

PETITIONS FOR REHEARING CASES

NONE

SUBMITTED

1. TEACHER STATE HOSPITAL (SEVERELY), ETC.

Departments of Mental Health and Developmental Services. (Hearing held December 3, 2002.)

NO ACTION

2. VOCATIONAL INSTRUCTOR (SAFETY)(VARIOUS SPECIALTIES)

Departments of Mental Health and Developmental Services. (Hearing held December 3, 2002.)

NO ACTION

3. TELEVISION SPECIALIST (SAFETY)

The Department of Corrections proposes to establish the new classification Television Specialist (Safety) by using the existing Television Specialist class specification and adding "Safety" as a parenthetical to recognize the public aspect of their job, additional language will be added to the Typical Tasks section of the class specification and a Special Physical Characteristics section will be added. (Presented to Board March 4, 2003.)

NO ACTION

4. HEARING – Personal Services Contract #04-03

Appeal of the California State Employees Association from the Executive Officer's April 15, 2004, Approval of Master Contracts between the California Department of Corrections and Staffing Solutions, CliniStaff, Inc., Staff USA, Inc., CareerStaff Unlimited, MSI International, Inc., Access Medical Staffing & Service, Drug Consultants, Infinity Quality Services Corporation, Licensed Medical Staffing, Inc., Morgan Management Services, Inc., Asereth Medical Services, and PrideStaff dba Rx Relief. (Hearing held August 12, 2004.)

NO ACTION

5. HEARING

Proposed new and revised State Personnel Board Regulations effecting equal opportunity, discrimination complaints and reasonable accommodation policies and procedures. (Hearing held July 7, 2004.)

NO ACTION

6. RONALD FRANKLYN, CASE NO. 05-2105A

Appeal from 20 working days suspension. Officer. California Highway Patrol. (Oral argument held March 8, 2006.)

NO ACTION

7. ERNEST PITMAN, CASE NO. 05-1591A

Appeal from dismissal. Motor Vehicle Field Representative. Department of Motor Vehicles. (Oral argument held March 8, 2006.)

NO ACTION

8. RICHARD QUADRELLI, CASE NO. 05-1039A
Appeal from dismissal. Caltrans Maintenance Supervisor. Department of Transportation. (Oral argument held March 8, 2006.) NO ACTION

NOTICE OF GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 18671.1 RESOLUTION

Since Government Code section 18671.1 requires that cases pending before State

Personnel Board Administrative Law Judges (ALJ's) be completed within six months or no
later than 90 days after submission of a case, whichever is first, absent the publication of
substantial reasons for needing an additional 45 days, the Board hereby publishes its
substantial reasons for the need for the 45-day extension for some of the cases now
pending before it for decision.

An additional 45 days may be required in cases that require multiple days of hearings, that have been delayed by unusual circumstances, or that involve any delay generated by either party (including, but not limited to, submission of written briefs, requests for settlement conferences, continuances, discovery disputes, pre-hearing motions). In such cases, six months may be inadequate for the ALJ to hear the entire case, prepare a proposed decision containing the detailed factual and legal analysis required by law, and for the State Personnel Board to review the decision and adopt, modify or reject the proposed decision within the time limitations of the statute.

Therefore, at its next meeting, the Board will issue the attached resolution extending the time limitation by 45 days for all cases that meet the above criteria, and that have been before the Board for less than six months as of the date of the Board meeting.

GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 18671.1 RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 18671.1 provides that, absent waiver by the appellant, the time period in which the Board must render its decision on a petition pending before it shall not exceed six months from the date the petition was filed or 90 days from the date of submission; and

WHEREAS, Section 18671.1 also provides for an extension of the time limitations by 45 additional days if the Board publishes substantial reasons for the need for the extension in its calendar prior to the conclusion of the six-month period; and

WHEREAS, the Agenda for the instant Board meeting included an item titled "Notice of Government Code section 18671.1 Resolution" which sets forth substantial reasons for utilizing that 45-day extension to extend the time to decide particular cases pending before the Board;

WHEREAS, there are currently pending before the Board cases that have required multiple days of hearing and/or that have been delayed by unusual circumstances or by acts or omissions of the parties themselves;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the time limitations set forth in Government Code section 18671.1 are hereby extended an additional 45 days for all cases that have required multiple days of hearing or that have been delayed by acts or omissions of the parties or by unusual circumstances and that have been pending before the Board for less than six months as of the date this resolution is adopted.

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I hereby certify that the State Personnel Board made and adopted the preceding resolution at its meeting held on March 8, 2006.

VOTE: Elkins, Harrigan, Tom, Sheehan - Aye

Floyd Shimomura

Executive Officer

California State Personnel Board